

In attendance: Karen Grossman, Elizabeth Karpati, Fred Moses.

The **minutes** of the September meeting were accepted with one correction: 32 Hamilton Road.

Karen reported the following:

- Agnes O'Donnell will not take over the **newsletter** in January (contrary to what was believed as of the last meeting). She had expressed interest a while ago but it turns out she has too many other responsibilities. We will need a new editor who knows how to use InDesign.
- Karen has \$240 for Eric Baatz from memberships and T-shirt sales at the Spy Pond Splash. (See below for **treasurer's report** information received after the meeting.) Eric now has our supply of T-shirts. The dispute about payment to the T-shirt company is still ongoing.
- DPW plans to plant grass in the strip along the playground. *[Done as of November.]*
- More **weeding** has been done (about 1 ½ beds) but there is still some more to do. Bill Eykamp and Scouts did some **pruning** on 10/21 and were planning to mark shrubs for future pruning so that they can be recognized even after their leaves fall.
- **Outreach:** Karen gave Ellen the contact information of about 80 people who had expressed interest in beautification or bulb planting and Ellen called them to get people for the weeding sessions. The website makes it easy to extract such types of information.
- Fred is upgrading the **website** to make it easier to do mass e-mails to all members.

Other matters:

- The **Spy Pond Splash** was a great success, with ideal weather and a large attendance. Some 200 people went out in canoes and kayaks; kids enjoyed face-painting and making flags and birchbark canoes; the New Orleans Jazz Band played.
- The Town Manager has been approached about bringing the company back next summer, maybe once a month, to make its canoes and kayaks available for rental. He appears to be in favor but noted that the proposal would have to be put out to bid. If this happens, any activities planned by FSPP should be coordinated with it.
- The **Arlington Friends of Parks** (a coalition of Friends groups working with the Recreation Department) is planning a solicitation of funds for parks maintenance. FSPP is participating in the planning.
- Hearings are about to be held on the proposed "**Green Dog**" pilot program providing specified off-leash hours at various parks including Spy Pond Park. The schedule has been posted on our bulletin boards.
- The Town is repairing the sidewalk at Linwood Circle.
- We decided to hold the **annual meeting** in early January and to invite John Bean, DPW director, as the speaker.

Next meeting: 7 p.m. Sunday, December 2, 32 Hamilton Road, Apt. 402.

Information by e-mail from Eric Baatz:

We currently have \$8274.50 in our checking account and the CD is worth \$1928.72. T-shirts:

Youth Extra Large Gildan 15	Adult Extra Large Hanes 15
Youth Large Gildan 20	Adult Extra Large Gildan 5
Youth Medium Gildan 25	Adult Large Hanes 47
Youth Small Gildan 12 + 1 Hanes	Adult Medium Gildan 24
Youth Extra Small Gildan 11 + 1 Hanes	Adult Small Gildan 30

Plus \$35 in the cash box.